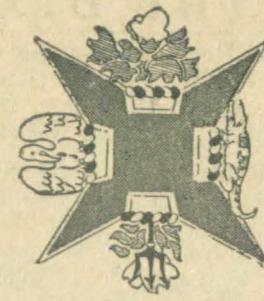




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## Soldiers Aid Jax. Firemen Fighting Blaze

Dixie Reporter Tells How Service Men Answered Call For Fire Fighters Sunday

By Pvt. Charles A. Traylor  
Like perhaps 2,000 other soldiers, I was in Jacksonville last Sunday. Most, like myself, I imagine, were just taking it easy that morning; enjoying the balmy weather, making preparations for an afternoon at the beaches, or getting ready for church.

At 9 a.m. I heard the first report of a fire at the municipal docks. A glance upward at the rapidly greying sky in the waterfront area added reiteration. I hurried over.

When I reached there, the place seemed to be a shambles. The side of one huge liner was in flames. Explosions as rum bottles popped off in one of the warehouses added to the confusion.

But before I could do anything but gape a Sergeant rushed up, tapped me on the shoulder and said "O. K. buddy, you'll do, follow me." He took me over to a warehouse where firemen were playing a powerful stream of water on what looked like an unquenchable flame. I took the place of one of the firemen. There were about 12 soldiers in my crew.

The boys I worked with, I noticed, had on what must have been clean uniforms earlier in the morning. Now they were torn, smutty, water-soaked, but no one seemed to care. I understand there were at least 500 soldiers helping fight the flames. Probably all had to buy almost complete outfits the next day.

While no one in my crew needed relief, down the line occasionally could be seen a soldier or fireman who had been overcome. The fire wasn't quite so intense where I was working. As soon as one had had too much, another would take his place. After they recovered, if needed, the men would come back.

Other soldiers helped keep the onlookers out of the danger zone. This was one of the biggest problems. There was always the possibility of a major explosion and live embers were falling everywhere. The Mayor and other officials in a letter of thanks later expressed particular appreciation for work done in this phase. Men helped in keeping the boat-loads of civilians from coming in too close, also. Some worked on the fire-boat, a dangerous spot.

Not until firemen and officials pronounced the blaze under control did we knock off. It was about two o'clock for some of us. The day as far as rest or entertainment was concerned was lost; but I think no man regretted his effort.

## New Books At Division Club

Eleven new books have been received by the Dixie Division's service club library during the past week. They are as follows:

"Blow the Ballast, Story of the Squalus," by Barrows.

"America South," by Beals.

"Blood, Sweat and Tears," by Churchill.

"Scattergood Baines Returns," by Kelland.

"The Secret of Par Golf," by Metz.

"How to be a Good Dancer," by Murray.

"German Secret Service at Work," by Newman.

"Oliver Wiswell," by Roberts.

"Burma Road," by Smith.

"Out of the Night," by Valtin.

"Days of Our Years," by Van Paassen.

## Giff Wiff Bird For Alarm Clock

Captain Paul L. Polk of Service Company, 155th Infantry Regiment of Mississippi, a resident of Vicksburg, has a blue heron which he calls the giff wiff bird. Aside from the fact that a heron is an unusual pet, Captain Polk claims the bird is being trained to awaken him each morning by tapping him on his head with his bill. His office colleagues are skeptical to say the least.



Soldiers, sailors, and civilians joined forces Sunday to help fight the fire that caused an estimated \$800,000 damage to the Jacksonville waterfront. The soldier (foreground) shown rolling his pants up was one of the many who forgot laundry bills and week-end off duty to help a city that had been friendly to him.

## Animal Trainers Left Circus For Army Life

Former Big Top Animal Experts Haven't Tried Technique On Sergeants

By Pvt. George H. Siegel

The greatest fear of many soldiers on maneuvers is a possible brush with a snake, even though such occurrences are rare, but the thought doesn't bother private Thomas W. Arseneau and Arvel Adkins of the 124th Infantry's Company D. These two chums have had experiences with elephants, lions and tigers and such, and a snake to them is only something very lowly, and low in the grass, unworthy of their attention and beneath their contempt.

Arseneau and Adkins have both worked for the combined Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey Circus, the former as a menagerie attendant and the latter as an elephant trainer. They met while working in the "Big Show" several years back and separated for long periods of time, but the

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## Unsung Wit Has His Day

Company A of the 167th Infantry has produced an unsung wit in corporal Chester Fails. Chester exhibited a specimen of his humor on the rifle range Monday. He was coaching a selectee who appeared to be a little shy of his rifle, flinching each time he fired.

"Boy," drawled the corporal in his inimitable tone, "if you don't stop trying to dodge that bullet every time you shoot I'm gonna tape your hands to that gun. Besides that bullet comes out of the front end not the back."

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## Defense Workers Now In Army To Be Relieved

The War Department announced today that a soldier who held a key position in the defense industry prior to his induction or enlistment and whose services are now required by his former employer by reason of the expansion of industrial activities or the shortage of skilled employees in his classification, may be released from military service to enable him to return to his civilian position.

Before a soldier will be released in pursuance of this policy, it must be established to the satisfaction of the War Department that he is in fact a key man specifically needed in the production of essential items or in the operation or maintenance of essential utilities or services and that there is a shortage of technicians in this category. The employer requesting a soldier's release must agree to re-employ the soldier immediately upon his release from the military service.

The action taken by the War Department will depend upon the merits of each case and upon the needs of the military service. No blanket classifications or releases by groups are contemplated. The

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## Post Exchanges Follow Troops During First Corps Exercise

More than 15,000 soldiers of the 31st (Dixie) Division involved in the first of three combat problems directed by the Fourth Corps area have come to the conclusion that "roughing it on the range" is not so bad after all. This opinion was formed when General John C. Persons, commanding officer of southern troops at this cantonment, arranged to have "rolling canteens" at bivouac areas.

These mobile refreshment booths sold cigarettes, tobacco, drinks and candy. Canteens reported a boom business from the soldiers who had been marching all day. A few were forced to close up when they completely sold out their stock.

Another innovation of this maneuver was the distribution and collection of mail in the field. The Army Post Office fulfilled its motto "that mail must be de-

## Inspection Finds Sergeant Prepared

The division-wide inspection last Saturday kept most of the Dixie soldiers busy that morning, but not Sgt. James E. Stevens and four of his tentmates of Battery F, 114th Field Artillery.

The sergeant, for the benefit of his battery, assembled and displayed all his equipment on his bunk in the late afternoon, so that the boys could follow a good example, and four of his mates followed suit. It meant sleeping on the floor for the thoughtful five,

but it eliminated the Saturday morning rush, and that, they thought, was sufficient compensation for their tussle with the wood flooring. The other tent occupant waited for the morning to arrange his bunk, and said the sleeping was swell.

## Company Honors Former Commander

Traveling in ten trucks, the officers and men of Company K of the 124th Inf., returned last Sunday evening from a three day trip to Orlando where the stately Armory Building was re-dedicated to their former Captain, the late Lt. Col. Robert C. Davis. Full Equipment, as well as the mess truck, was carried by the unit.

livered" by first sending letters to regimental headquarters. From there it was taken to bivouac areas where it was given out by company clerks. Letters written during the maneuver were collected and brought into the post office where they followed the normal procedure.

No change is made in the menu during maneuvers. Cooks are able to prepare the same food in modern field ranges as they can in their kitchens. The 15,000 troops enjoyed beef stew, salads, bread and butter and cold ice tea.

Breakfast consists of scrambled eggs, grits or cereal, half pint of milk and bread and butter and hot coffee.

The innovation of canteens and the distribution of mail will be a regular service of summer maneuvers.

## Free Advice Given Soldiers By Bar Assn.

Legal services for soldiers and their families are being provided by the American Bar Association through state and local committees on national defense.

In welcoming this assistance, the War Department said that the broad scope of the services offered was impressive, and urged that unit commanders and Army personnel familiarize themselves with the nature of this volunteer legal aid.

Advice will be given on guardianship and care of children, the legal status of homes and personal possessions, rights under wills and insurance policies, problems regarding wages and other income, installment purchases.

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## "Donald" Gets Salute At Final Rites

"Donald" Duck has been laid to rest. With all of Company K of the 156th Infantry taking part in the funeral services. Corporal Leonard Landry's pet duckling was buried at the head of the company's street during the past week. Little Donald was still of a tender age but he died a natural death. It deeply grieved his Lake Charles, La., soldiers, so a casket was made, a grave dug, an inscription placed on his grave, and the little yellow and brown body covered with the company's colors.

Preaching the funeral service was Sergeant Charles Schell; the grave digger Private S. Puig, Jr.; taps blown by Private First Class Reeves; the cross placed on the grave by Corporal Huey White. There was a 7-gun salute and a bugler blew taps. Company K boys are mourning the loss of their pet turtle Dixie, and they are keeping close tab on Tom, the big pet cat belonging to First Sergeant Adam Guillory.

## Community House Welcomes Soldiers

The St. Johns Church Community House, 325 Market Street, Jacksonville, will be open every Sunday during June from 4:00 to 8:00 o'clock, free to service men as a recreational center. Informal entertainment and refreshments will be provided.

## Corps Maneuvers Latest Exercise For 31st Division

First Corps Maneuver Ends Thursday As Dixie Division Units Continue Hardening Process

The full personnel of the Dixie Division had their first taste of large scale maneuvers from Tuesday to Thursday, and during the next two weeks similar extensive exercises under the supervision of IV Army Corps officials from their Jacksonville headquarters will be held. It is all part of the toughening and hardening process which the 31st is now undergoing in preparation for summer maneuvers.

Major General John C. Persons, commanding officer of the 31st Division, following the termination of the problem Friday at 11:40 a.m., commented as follows: "The Staff of the Division had valuable experience in the execution of tactical orders and in co-ordinating the movements of large bodies of troops. The enlisted personnel and junior officials received a severe physical test and further toughening and hardening for the maneuvers to come. Many small tactical problems were presented to the troops and junior officers by a simulated enemy which they were forced to face with blank ammunition and maneuver about when confronted with superior forces."

"It was a type of advance problem the Division is undergoing, and there will be one week and another the following week, all under the supervision of the IV Army Corps."

Major General Jay L. Benedict and his staff supervised the over one hundred umpires, the latter recruited from the officer personnel of the 43rd Division. Also participating were planes from the 118th Observation Squadron of Birmingham, Ala. Alabama, using Jacksonville as their base, and the 106th Observation Squadron of the 35th Field Artillery.

Early Tuesday morning, the infantry regiments started the trek to Sand Hill Lake, sixteen miles from Camp Blanding, and later in the day mechanized units followed in convoy. The Artillery regiments, the 114th, 116th and 117th, joined their Dixie Division fighting partners from their positions on the firing range where they deployed Monday and bivouaced overnight. Wednesday morning at eight o'clock Major General Jay L. Benedict of the IV Army Corps gave the problem to General Persons. It called for the 31st (Blues) to attack an invading army of Reds who had landed at Jacksonville and were proceeding westward.

General Persons held consultations with his staff officials throughout the afternoon, getting reports from the G sections and making ready to attack on Thursday morning. Under cover of darkness the Blues moved both foot and motor forces to a new position in the Belmore area and Thursday at 6:40 began their attack on the Red forces. The simulated battle continued until 11:40, when hostilities were ordered terminated by Major General Benedict. Following the noon-day mess the soldiers began the long trek homeward and by late afternoon the entire Division was back at Camp.

This morning a critique of the problem will be held, with Generals Benedict and Persons leading the discussions and the Brigade commanding officers and the staff members of the IV Army Corps participating.

## Tasty Morsel These Snakes

Sergeant Andrew Smith, rugged noncommissioned officer of Co. A, 167th Infantry, was either hard pressed for cash or wished to demonstrate his fearlessness this week when he demonstrated the latest approved technique in "how to bite a snake's head off."

Having caught a small snake the Co. A boys were playing with it when someone dared:

"Sergeant Smith I'll give you a dollar if you'll bite that snake's head off." The sergeant bit and the better paid which proves a number of things.

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Into the editorial offices of the Dixie this week came a document—one of those real and potent letters which are the reason newspapermen stick to their underpaid and unappreciated game. This letter, written by a woman who requested that her name be withheld, portrays dramatically what the editor attempted to show in an editorial last week.

Such letters as this make the would-be writer realize just how shallow and impotent his work can be when he attempts to handle a subject without realizing the full meaning. But it is a tribute, the kind of thing which makes the reporter live on coffee while other people think that he vacations; makes him assume a cynical look and manner while he wishes that others could understand his job; makes him laugh with them at his own job and his own work while he takes it seriously. For such rewards as this pay for all those things.

So the letter is now passed on to you men of the Dixie Division. THE DIXIE is your paper, and its one purpose is to assist and inform the men of our southern unit. We give you our paycheck—the commendation we would rather have than a medal from the General himself. This is the letter:

Dear Mr. Editor:

I wonder if it would be permissible for me to send you a "thank you" note for your editorial in the Saturday, June 7, 1941, edition of your paper "THE DIXIE," entitled "Jobs for Soldier's Wives."

Truthfully, no one who has not actually experienced that woefully inadequate feeling that comes from realizing that your husband can no longer support you, can really understand the situation that now exists with so many of the draft boards not classing newly married men as "eligible for deferment."

As you stated, we wives who have never had to work before are not too proud to seek employment—it fact would even consider becoming maids in private homes. Although this fact would have to be carefully guarded from friends at home. Perhaps this all sounds just a little bit wild and raving, but I am afraid it is all too true. Do let us have more of this sort of publicity until people really begin to remember that those "boys in khaki" aren't just machines, but are very human under that drab exterior, and really do need some help in the support of their wives.

Thanking you, and trusting this is not too presumptuous, I remain;

As she requested, her name has been omitted, but we can certainly say that her letter is far from presumptuous. If any other reader has an idea which would benefit the soldier or his wife, let your paper know and the staff will do everything in its power to push that idea forward.

### Mess Sergeant Has Many Jobs

Mess Sergeant Ed Wright should be equipped with as many arms as a centipede. His jobs are legion. Besides caring for the edibles for the officers of the 106th Medical Regiment, Sergeant Wright also sends news home to his home-town newspaper, writes articles for the Chaplain's Herald, plays the drum in his volunteer regimental band, and just as soon as an officers' club is organized in the mess hall Wright is going to have charge of that.

### Ranks Means Nothing To Civilian Writers

The Camp Post Office has less difficulty now with incorrectly addressed letters than formerly, but the men in the Dixie Division are plagued with letters from civilians who know not the im-

### OLDEST CHAPLAIN AT WORK



Major J. T. Jenner, oldest chaplain conducts his service in the 124th Infantry recreation hall. Behind the minister is a choir, composed of volunteer songsters from the men of his group. Chaplain Jenner and the seventeen other members of the cloth in the 31st Division have announced twenty services of various faiths scheduled for the coming Sunday.

### ENGINEERS SHOW THEIR WARES ON WEEK'S CORPS MANEUVER

Moving ahead of the infantrymen in lightning-like thrusts, the 106th Combat Engineers accomplish indispensable tasks. When Colonel Harry Hulen's men move out on CPX movements, everything goes along—bulldozer, compressors, communications facilities, road scrapers and builders, map and photography experts and equipment, or what have you.

It doesn't take the engineers very long to take over whatever terrain they happen to establish headquarters on. Obstacles are strewn aside and the road-builders swing into action. Red clay roadbeds are constructed just as though the Army was going to spend a year in that certain spot instead of a day or two. Because behind the engineers are coming the marching men and heavily-motorized units which must be gotten through at any cost.

Camp Blanding's engineers can build you a truck bridge in 30 minutes, foot bridges in amazing time, and, no matter how tough the terrain, problems are solved in jiffy time. And these combat engineers, too, are ready to fight when the occasion arises. They are equipped with side-arms and rifles, and, besides their multitude of construction duties, the engineers are trained to the minute in close-order drills, firing tactics and all the other military tactics.

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It was a lesson in precision and speed to see the boys work out on the field during the past week. Colonel Hulen and his staff, hidden in the deep woods, directed operations in all directions, sending out men here and there to bridge streams, knock down obstacles, report back to him on local directions, and otherwise combating all the laws of nature and man.

In war or peace, the 106th Engineers are as useful and hard-working as they are versatile and talented. Even the band and office staff are right on the job.

### Selectee Promoted

Mitchell E. Butts, Service and Ammunition battery, 117th Field Artillery, inducted in February, was recently promoted to sergeant. This marks the biggest leap from Selectee to enlisted man with title recorded in the 31st Division thus far.

The Medicos will meet regimental teams, Wednesday, Saturday or Sunday afternoons.

### Former College Hurler Leads 155th Medicos

Dan McLeod, former pitching star of the University of Mississippi, has lost none of his control since he has been in the army as a member of the 155th Medical Detachment.

In three games, McLeod has struck out 50 batters.

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### PREPARING FOR THE WORST



Members of Co. M, 167th Infantry prepare for the day when their guns jam at night by practicing field stripping while blindfolded. The members of a heavy weapons company must pass a speed test under these conditions, and some of the time records established in tearing apart and reassembling are startling.



And now comes the time for Father's Day. This writer knows little of his own Dad, but it was not because of a personal decree. But those who have someone at home who has provided for them could do well to at least remember him during that one twenty-four hour span.

We always remember mother, she has been the one we could confide in; the person we knew we could tell our troubles without fear or doubt, but Dad was usually a little distant. He is just as sentimental about his son as Mom, but like most men, he can't show it. Write him or at least let him know that a soldier is thinking of him.

And there's the soldier our reporter George Fields tells about. It seems that the aforementioned man is a believer in the last straw adage. He decided to attend a show, and had he harsh luck to sit next to those people who add misery to any attempt at pleasure; the fellow was a thwarted actor. He couldn't contain himself when the action got the thickest. Sliding from side to side, the tormentor rode with the cowboys. He muttered "take that" with the hero, and suffered torment, with side remarks. Finally, his neighbor could take it no longer when the other started using his elbows to punctuate remarks. As the enthusiastic arm swinger gave a particularly hard punch, he muttered, "boy, what about that!" The other, having suffered long in silence, replied, "this, damn it," and brought a right elbow from the floor and stalked out.

Just a few of the items sent in by various reporters during the recent IV Corps maneuver in which the 31st Division was the one and only actor:

"This reporter a first class moocher. Since not assigned for rations, Anti-Tank, Co. D and Hq. Co. very hospitable." Signed by 167th Reporter, Hinkle.

"Pigeon released in first trial. Other three sent back without messages due to high wind and weather." Signed by Charles Traylor, 124th reporter.

"Major Frederick W. Bradshaw, G-2, Thought air attack being staged. Noticed noise was Major Nathan asleep and put gas mask on him to keep position concealed." Signed by Pvt. George Siegel, assigned to General Persons.

"Captain Howard S. Williams, Jr., Commander, Co. I, 106th Medical Regiment and Lt. Wyman, on foot reconnaissance, ran into enraged bull. Taking flight, the captain, holding rank, took possession of first tree. Found a large snake at foot. Caught in a fix, shouted for the Lt. to get a Jeep. New use for Jeep discovered." Signed by Traylor, 124th.

"Order to advance and fire given at 6:40 A. M. Troops were all in new positions by 4:30 as per schedule. General Persons made personal inspection trip." Signed by Siegel, assigned to General Persons.

"Dessert for dinner garnered by engineers when oodles of honey found near dead tree. Enough honey to go around for twenty men AFTER bees driven away." Signed by Pvt. Thatcher, 106th Engineers and Medical Regiments.

"Yours truly has run, ridden trucks and walked, but the acme of something was reached when a sweet young thing in a flashy sports coupe gave him a lift. If only such things consistently happened in war!" By Pvt. Thatcher, Engineers and Medical Regiments.

So there you see how the Press Section thinks. This maneuver was as much a training for that organization as it was for the line companies, and they went through the same grind. While the men in the rear echelon sent out releases to papers, telling what the home town boys were doing and how they were getting along, as well as putting out the Dixie, the reporters were with the men in the regimens. They, like all soldiers, had to have their jokes, but they sent a steady barrage of news into the office for the division paper and for outside consumption.

Oh yes—I almost forgot—I don't remember which of our geniuses pulled this one, but it mustn't be passed. "This is one hell of a war. Spent the afternoon swimming. Group singing and musical entertainment tonight." Must have been a bloody battle, eh?

### Many Tongued Florida Soldiers

Now You See It—Now You Don't

There is plenty of linguistic ability in the 116th Field Artillery, a survey of the regiment this week showed. Among these 1,135 Hillsborough Pinellas, and Polk county youths are seven who speak French, 12 speaking Spanish, six German, 15 Italians, two who understand Polish, two knowing Hebrew, and one speaking Chinese, Czech, Japanese, Australian, and Danish.

The report, dated June 4, reveals that only one soldier in the regiment never attended school (a selective service man from Alabama), 176 attended but did not finish grammar school, 493 graduated from grammar school, 395 graduated from high school, 67 attended college, three have B. A. degrees, and two have B. S. degrees. There are now 178 married soldiers serving in the regiment.

The most popular civilian occupation in the regiment is truck-driving, as 198 followed this line of work before induction into the Army. The report shows there are 139 farmers, 125 laborers, 115 students, 101 sales clerks, 95 clerks, 78 salesmen, 68 auto mechanics, 29 painters, 29 carpenters, 31 cooks, 25 service station operators and on down the line for 155 occupations to be man wh was an asylum attendant and one who was a Neon service man. Post Exercises.

### Engineers Boost Two Quaint Men

The 156th Infantry may have its "Donald Duck" soldier and the 155th Infantry may have its "motorized chaplain," but the 106th Engineers have both. Private Bob Rusling of the band of Jackson, Miss., can give excellent imitations, and Chaplain Henry L. Louttit of Miami Beach, Fla., also rides out to Company Post Exercises.

## Church Services Announced For Father's Day

### 114th Field Artillery:

Church services at 10:00 A. M. in Recreation Building. A special Father's Day program with appropriate music will be held. Colonel H. N. Eason will be guest speaker.

### 116th Field Artillery:

Regimental services at 9:00 A. M. in Recreation Building. Chaplain Nolan will preach on the subject "Go Ye Therefore Into The World Teaching All Men." Catholic Mass at 10:00 A. M. in the Recreation Building.

### 117th Field Artillery:

Church services at 10:00 A. M. in Recreation Building. Chaplain Hovis will preach on the subject "The Morning After The Night Before." Other program features as usual.

### 124th Field Artillery:

Church services at 10:00 A. M. in Recreation Building. Chaplain Hudson will preach on the subject "God's Faithfulness." Evening services at 7:00 P. M. with sermon topic on "The Sure Foundation."

### 155th Infantry:

Church services at 9:30 A. M. in Recreation Building. Chaplain Sandlin will preach on the subject "Wise Father." Sunday school will follow immediately. Evening services at 7:30 P. M.

### 156th Infantry:

Protestant services at 10:00 A. M. in Recreation Building. Chaplain Storey will preach on the subject "Quit You Like Men." Sunday school at 10:40 A. M. Catholic Mass at 7:00 and 9:00 A. M. in the Recreation Building. Chaplain Keown will deliver an appropriate Father's Day sermon. Confessions before all Masses.

### 167th Infantry:

Sunday school at 9:00 A. M. in Company Mess Halls. Church services at 10:00 A. M. in the Recreation Building. Chaplain Wollcott will deliver a sermon that will be appropriate to the occasion of Father's Day. Song service at 7:00 P. M.

### 106th Medical:

Catholic Mass at 10:00 A. M. in the Recreation Building. Chaplain Hunt will be in charge. Protestant services at 11:00 A. M. with Chaplain Noland in charge.

### 106th Engineers:

Episcopal Communion service at 7:00 A. M. in the Recreation Building. General church services at 9:00 A. M. Chaplain Louttit will preach on the subject "The Moral Law." Evening services at 8:00 P. M.

### 106th Quartermaster:

The 106th Quartermaster is expected to be in St. Augustine, Florida, Sunday and plans are being made to have a Regimental Father's Day service at a place to be designated by the Commanding Officer and the Chaplain. An appropriate message will be delivered by Chaplain Pate. Prayer and singing service at 7:00 P. M. each Wednesday.

### Special Troops:

Church services at 10:00 A. M. in the Recreation Building. Chaplain Rose will preach on the sermon subject "A Present Day Application of the Message of Micah." Special music is being hopefully planned. Catholic Mass at 8:00 A. M. in the Recreation Building with Chaplain Nolan in charge.

### Bees Put To Work By 116th Battery

Sergeant Frank K. Kaney, supply sergeant for the 116th Field Artillery's Battery A, has run into trouble. A wondering swarm of honey bees, address unknown, have invaded the Battery's supply tent annex and made their home in a box containing surplus kitchen equipment.

Many of the boys in Battery A want to help Sergeant Kaney, but all claim to be allergic to bees—especially to their sting. A search of the regimental personnel records fails to reveal any former bee-keepers. If Battery A is to have an apiary to furnish honey for morning flap-jacks it looks as though they'll have to go out and enlist a bee-keeper.

### Trusting Grocer Comes Through

Do not be misled . . . people still trust soldiers. This little incident on Jacksonville beach will put you right on that score if you are in doubt. Perhaps the two sergeants, Bobby Hale and "Blondie" Tharp of Co. F, 167th Infantry, did put up a bold front or perhaps they just naturally have honest faces. They walked into a restaurant on Jax Beach and asked the manager if he would be considerate enough to take their forty dollar watch to hold while they spent five of his dollars. Said the man, "I won't take your watch but I'll lend you the money," and the man didn't even ask their names!

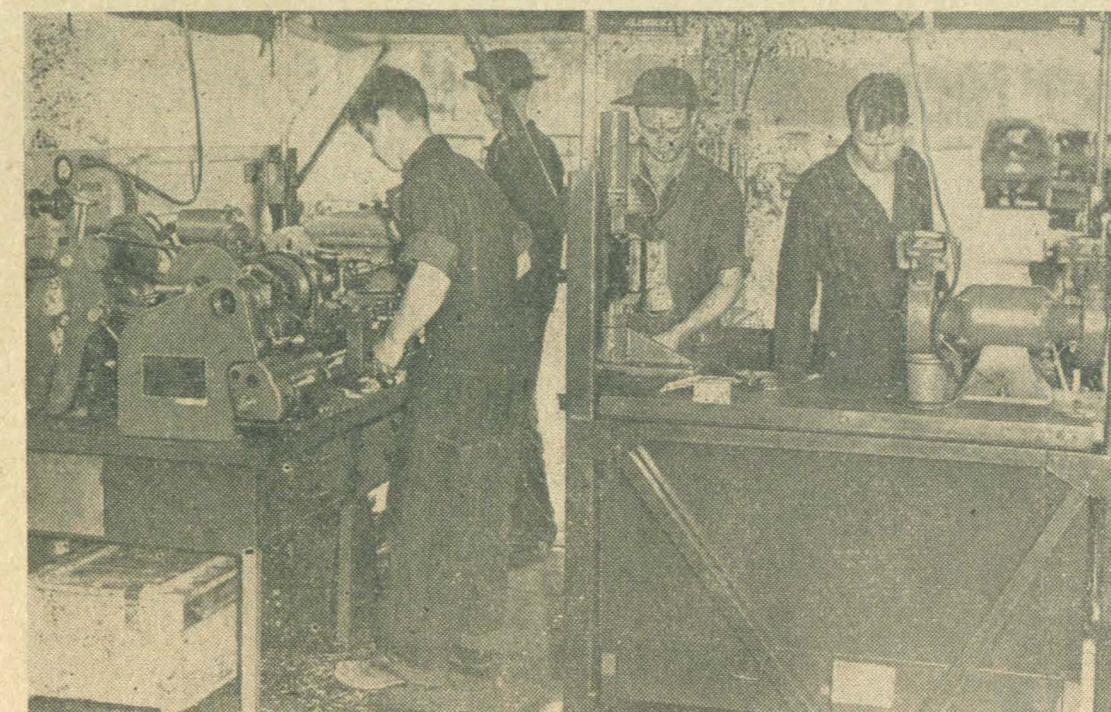
### Buckley Scores Again

Buckley is back in the news. Tech. Sgt. David E. Buckley, Hq. Co. 155th Infantry is well known for the many words he coins and the wide connotation he gives ordinary expressions.

Here is his latest. When the order was published that no cars were to be permitted on summer maneuvers, Sgt. Buckley said that he "guessed he would have to send his automobile home by 'partial' post—a piece at a time in other words.



## Jacks Of All Trades



### Animal Trainers

(Continued from page one) selective service act brought them together again. Pvt. Arseneau was called in from McKee's Jungle Gardens at Vero Beach, whereas Adkins received his call from in lower Florida where he was waiting for the spring swing of the circus to commence.

Although their careers have been similar and both men wound up in the same squad and tent with the 155th Infantry and later with the 124th Infantry, they hailed from far distant parts of the country. Arseneau's home being in Fairhaven, Mass., and his pal's in Los Angeles, Cal.

Trainee Adkins worked exclusively with elephants after serving his apprenticeship with the circus as a stage doorman and he says the secret of their handling is in treating them as you would a human being. They like to be handled with gentleness and consideration and once the trainer establishes this relationship the elephant is his friend. Adkins has worked with the internationally-famous Frank ("Bring 'Em Back Alive") Buck and knows him well.

Pvt. Adkins is also acquainted with the great French trainer, Alfred Cort, well known for his technique with the big stick and whip with lions and tigers, scorning the usual pistol threat with which most trainers use to keep the jungle beasts under their control.

One doesn't have to be big and brawny to succeed with animals, the infantrymen illustrate, for Adkins tips the beams at a mere 138, while Arseneau is but 30 pounds heavier. The latter has had a few opportunities to consort with his jungle friends at Vero Beach week-ends, but Adkins is too far removed from his charges on the Big Circuit, now touring toward the West, to visit them. However, the two chums spend their experiences and friends of many a leisure hour discussing when they will be back at their animal rings and wondering trades again. And as for snakes, they don't even talk of them—not with elephants, lions, tigers and other large jungle beasts on their minds.

### 31st Most Squirrely Outfit

Headquarters Battery of the first battalion, 116th Field Artillery is gaining the reputation as the 31st's most squirrelly outfit, for in a cage located in the center of the company street reside 17 squirrels. Three varieties are represented (and live together in harmony). Six fox, one cat, and ten flying squirrels. The soldiers of this Tampa Battery assembled the unusual collection of nut-gatherers on various maneuvers. Lt. Ed Leavine jokingly told the boys they should train the flying squirrels to serve as carrier pigeons. Their natural olive drab color would afford greater camouflage protection he avers.

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### Talked Too Fast Corporal Finds

The boys are still laughing at Corp. Pitts, who pulled a faux pas during Saturday's inspection. The corporal rushed into a neighboring tent and yelled:

"Somebody let me have a web belt for inspection quick."

There was no response and the corporal was quick to understand he silence when he saw for the first time an inspecting officer standing in the tent.

### 124th Infantry Boxers Have Close Contests

### Defense Workers

(Continued from page one) policy will be administered by the Under Secretary of War.

Three classes of enlisted men are affected by the new policy. Enlisted men of the Regular Army and Trainees inducted under the Selective Service Act, if released from active military service, will be transferred to the Enlisted Reserve as Occupational Specialists. Since no provision exists whereby National Guard enlisted men may be transferred to the Enlisted Reserve, they will be honorably discharged.

Men transferred to the Enlisted Reserve may be recalled to active military service in event they leave their key positions or otherwise become ineligible for retention of their classification as key employees.

In so far as each item applies, the following information must be included in each request in the form of an affidavit:

Full name; age; home address; marital status and number, ages and relationship of dependents; number and address of Selective Service Local Board; length of time with the firm and date on which soldier was dropped from payroll; nature of employment; salary or wages paid soldier at time of leaving the firm; reason soldier left firm's employ; steps taken to obtain deferred classification; present location of soldier; if known; previous experience of soldier prior to employment by the firm; statement in justification of classification of soldier as key employee, and any additional information that may aid the Under Secretary of War in reaching a decision.

Should favorable action be taken on any firm's request for release of one of its key men, the company is obligated to inform The Adjutant General of the Army, Washington, D. C., by letter, giving the date upon which the soldier re-enters the employ of the firm. Should the soldier later leave the firm, The Adjutant General will be informed as to the date he is dropped from the payroll and the reason for his leaving.

Three voluntary agencies of the American Bar Association are serving in such capacity. They are

(1) The members of the advisory Boards for registration, at least one of which is located in each county in the United States, and several in each territorial possession.

(2) The State Committees on National Defense, which function as state groups, and in most states as local committees in each community of more than 15,000 to 20,000 population.

(3) The Legal Aid Clinics, operating in the larger metropolitan centers, under the supervision of local bar associations, to assist citizens.

Complete information regarding this policy may be obtained from the Office of the Under Secretary of War.

**Smoke And Fire Go Together Says This Artillery Officer**

"Where there's smoke there's fire!" If you don't believe the truth of this saying, ask Lt. William A. White, Battery F-117th, F. A.

Lt. White's car, a maroon De-Lux Chevrolet 2-door sedan, was parked in its usual place among the regiments officers' parking lot.

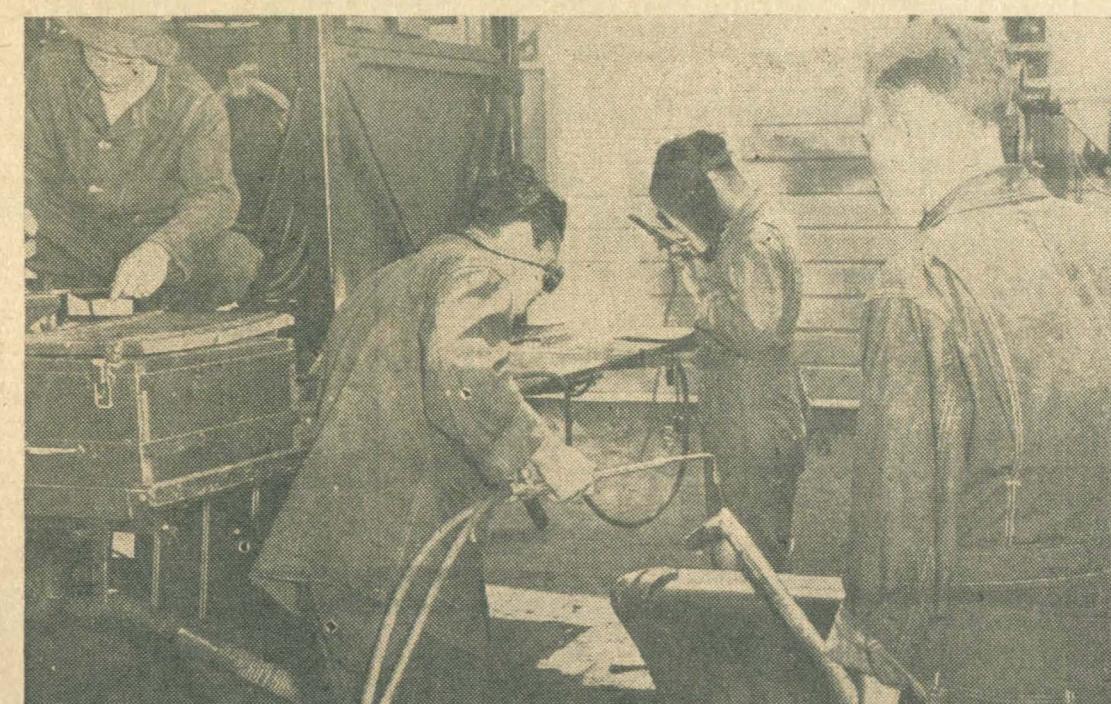
It was Wednesday morning about seven-thirty when a soldier of the near-by medical dispensary noticed traces of smoke coming from the parked automobile. Running over to the car he was surprised to see that the entire inside of the closed car was filled with smoke. Yelling for someone to bring the fire extinguisher the soldier broke through a front window with a brick. Immediately the newly created draft gave life to the smoldering upholstery and the inside was a mass of flames.

Someone brought two fire extinguishers with which the fire was subdued, but only after the flames had done their work.

Those portions of the upholstery, seats and dashboard that weren't damaged by the fire were discolored by the chemicals from the extinguishers.

It is thought that the fire, possibly started by a cigarette butt,

had been smoldering within the closed car all night.



### Sgt., Sgt.-Major, Major-Soldier Answers All

The 117th Field Artillery, wielders of names confusing, (last week reporting two sgt. Majors with the same last name and front initials) doesn't clear things up too much this week.

They have a man, they say, who when called will answer to "Sergeant," "Sergeant - Major," "Major," "Nash" and three times a day "Mess".

Pinned down they explain: the man is a member of the Service and Ammunition Battery, 1st Battalion and is named Nash. His parents decreed the surname "Major." He should have known it would only add confusion but he was promoted to sergeant. So there you have it: Sergeant Major Nash.

### Big Celebration For Co. A, 124th

The members of Company A, 124th Infantry, celebrated in big style the completion of their first six months of training with a fine steak dinner with all the trimmings in the company mess hall.

The 124th Regiment Orchestra

playing for the occasion.

Several novelty acts were staged by members of the company which included special numbers by Pvt. Jack Volkman on the piano and Pvt. 1st cl Bob Moore on the trumpet.

Members of both the old and new company which is all in one now were present and all the officers of the company and officers of the First Battalion were present and enjoyed the affair and one of the finest meals that they said they had had in many a day.

### 116th Commander Honored By Men

Col. and Mrs. Homer W. Hesterly, and Lt. George H. Grill were dinner guests of honor Sunday of the enlisted men of the 116th Field Artillery's Headquarters Battery. Col. Hesterly is commanding officer of the 116th, and Lt. Grill is commander of the Headquarters Battery.

### Substitute Name Serves Purpose

Lt. Col. George Sagin, commanding officer of the second battalion of 117th Field Artillery, is finding it necessary to drop completely when he addresses two of his officers. It seems that every time he calls for Lieutenant Roberts, two officers respond. So now he shouts "Robert," and Lt. David Roberts answers, and when he wants Lt. Robert A. Roberts he calls simply "Davie."



The ordinance company, little publicized but well utilized, handle the repair on all broken weapons in the Division. They also maintain that equipment in the best condition possible. This single company, a unit of the Special Troops, can practically remake any type gun or other material the 31st uses. In the top left picture, members of the unusual outfit work in their mobile repair shop which can be moved with the rest of the rolling stock. Top right; a row of rifles, broken from one cause or another, is inspected by experts. These men can do their work in the guns in the dark. Middle picture; Welders, protected by masks, turn on the heat as two pieces of metal become one. These torches are mounted on a truck and may also be taken to the field. From pistol to cannon, the ordinance men know their business. In the bottom shot, they peer into the breech of a 155MM rifle, preparatory to putting it back into shooting condition. They do not remain in camp for their work but can set up in the field and be on the job in a few hours.

### Variety of Vocations In Mississippi Unit

The personnel of the 155th regiment represents a wide variety of vocations. Service records show there are 897 farmers; 275 students; 233 clerks; and 235 truck drivers. Several soldiers indicate they were cotton buyers, gin operators and owners. The motion picture industry contributes seven theatre owners and operators.

Despite the fact the larger part of the regiment comes from rural areas, seven languages are spoken. They are French, German, Spanish, Italian, Greek, Czech and Slovak.

The regiment has 1035 grammar school graduates; 646 high school graduates and 58 college graduates. Two hundred forty-six have one or more years college training.

### Big Catch For Ala. Artilleryman

Pvt. Olin Moore, Battery F, 117th F. A. is the envy of the regiment.

Leaving the battery street Sat-

urday afternoon with a truck load of his fellow soldiers, Pvt. Moore returned to camp two and a half hours later, ahead of the party of fishermen, with a string of blue catfish numbering thirty-two.

When asked by his inquisitive companions how he'd caught all the fish in such a short length of time and what he'd used for bait Moore replied, "Simple enough, fellows. All I did was pick out a nice shady spot, bait my hook with a worm, spit tobacco juice on the bait, cast out the line, then sit there and outsmart the finny devils!"

### Alabamans See Mistakes In Movies

Lt. Edgar S. Sanders has introduced the latest method in training troops in company E, 167th Infantry. In an endeavor to further increase the proficiency of the soldiers in the field, the Lt. takes movies of the company each time it goes into action. Sgt. George Heath reports that the Guntersville boys enjoy seeing themselves in action and readily correct any faults the officers point out from the movies.

## COLD STEEL



Copying the Aussies who drove Benito's boys out of Egypt, four soldiers of Co. M, 167th Infantry practice a charge with bared bayonets. The soft sand of Blanding doesn't furnish such firm footing, but they don't seem to find the going slow.

## QUARTERMASTERS FEED DIVISION IN ADDITION TO OTHER DUTIES

Duties of the 106th Quartermaster Regiment range from bringing food to the hungry soldiers to making arrangements for disposal of those killed in action on the battlefield. The work of this regiment is of utmost importance to the 31st Division.

The 106th Quartermaster Regiment is comprised of a headquarters company, service company, two truck battalions (Companies A, B, C and D), one light maintenance and car battalion (Companies E and F) and a medical detachment. The mission of the Quartermaster is to assure the successful operation of the Army of the United States by accomplishing efficiently and economically the general functions of providing food, clothing, equipment, housing, transportation and similar services to the division.

### Army Arab Folds Tent For Maneuvers

"They folded their tents like Arabs and silently crept away," said poet Longfellow.

Well, right over in the 106th Engineers Combat Regiment an Arab every night seeks the shelter of his tent in Company C. He's 29 year-old Rafik Nasir, a likable, highly educated private in United States land forces, with dark eyes which seem to penetrate into yours.

Private Nasir, who has attended universities in the Eastern and Western hemispheres—and Indiana, Ohio and Louisiana in our own country—has traveled throughout Central Africa, practically all of Europe and the United States, and now calls Baton Rouge, Louisiana his home.

He speaks three languages and has degrees in engineering, and accounting. The swarthy, dark mustached Nasir can discuss topics of current interest as well as the innermost happenings of past history.

Perhaps the first thing anybody would ask of Nasir would be "Well, guess this Florida sand reminds you of the Near East Holy Land?" Nothing is further from the truth, Nasir will tell you, and he produces an album of pictures to prove that Palestine and its surrounding terrain presents a number of beautiful gardens, cities, roads, country-sides and recreation centers.

Companies E and F, which make up the third battalion are the light maintenance and car companies, respectively. Company E supplies mechanics for the upkeep of the motor vehicles, while the latter supply cars and drivers for division headquarters.

The medical detachment's work is to have men on duty 24 hours of the day for the purpose of administering aid to the sick and wounded of the regiment.

### New Light Trunks Will Help Out

Two items on sale this week at the Post Exchange should prove to be valuable assets for officers on maneuver this summer.

The Main Exchange announces the arrival of a shipment of small, compact, trunks—both plain and wardrobe—that should well replace the heavy type, barred by baggage limitations. Prices range from \$4.25 to \$9.40.

Also in stock are some sleeping bags of a high quality. Not bedding rolls, they are carried inside the roll and may be used in winter or summer. They may be procured from either the main exchange or local branches, with prices from \$7.00 to \$9.00.

### Division Officers Invited To Dance

Officers of the 31st (Dixie) Division are invited to attend a dance to be held in Starke Armory, Friday evening, June 20. The affair is being arranged by the Starke Chamber of Commerce under the direction of Mrs. Evelyn Stephens, secretary of the business organization.

Mrs. Stephens states that the invitation includes officer's wives and friends. Young ladies from Jacksonville, St. Augustine and other nearby communities will be partners for officers who come alone. Tickets are \$1.00 per couple and for stags.



### Fishing Tournament Open To Soldiers

Men of Camp Blanding have been invited to register in the \$1,000 St. Johns County Fishing Tournament, which opened June 1 and closes October 1 under the sponsorship of the St. Augustine and St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce. There is no registration or entry fee.

The Ancient City Chamber of Commerce has provided a registration book and men are urged to record their names to be eligible in the anglers' contest. A complete set of rules and regulations also may be had.

There are 17 varieties of fish in the tournament including tarpon, sailfish, channel bass, albacore, jack crevalle, black sea bass, red snapper, drum, sheepshead, whiting, dolphin, amberjack, kingfish and shark in the salt water division; black bass, bream and perch in the fresh water division. There is no license required for salt water fishing, but there is a license required in fresh water.

Eligible fish for prizes must be caught in the waters of St. Johns County or Crescent Lake in Flagler-Putnam counties.

### Triple Action Bn. Adjutant

The 106th Quartermaster is the only regiment in the U. S. Army today with one battalion adjutant serving in this capacity for all three battalions. First Lieutenant S. W. Bullock, 106th Q. M. First Battalion Adjutant is also the Adjutant for the Second and Third Battalions, effective last Thursday, as the other top Adjutants departed on that day to attend a two months' school in Philadelphia, Pa.

### Some Take This Seriously

1. To take charge of the spuds and all gravy in view.

2. To watch my plate in a military manner, keeping always on the alert for any stray sausage that comes within sight, smell, or hearing.

3. To report any bread sliced too thin to the mess sergeant.

4. To repeat all calls for coffee more distant from its position than my own.

5. To quit the table only when there is nothing left to eat.

6. To receive, but not to pass on, to the next man to me, any meat, cabbage, or beans left by the K. P.'s or table waiters.

7. To talk to no one who asks for onions.

8. In case of fire in the mess hall, to grab all eatables left by others in their escape.

9. In any case not covered by instructions, to call the mess sergeant.

10. To allow no one to steal anything in the line of chow.

11. To salute all chicken, beefsteak, pork chops, ham and eggs, and liver.

12. To be especially watchful at the table, and during the time of eating to challenge anyone who gets more pie than I do.

### "Taps" For Pet

Pvt. Tommy Rand and Jesse Pitts, Company M, 155th Infantry, were recently presented with a copy of "Proper Care of Infants," with specific instructions as to how to raise a bunny. It seems the two Gulfport, Miss., soldiers found a tiny rabbit in the field and were trying to keep it alive by feeding it with a medicine dropper. Recently the bunny died. It is reported that military honors were given the "tiny orphan" at the last rites.

Great concern is also being displayed for "Dough Boy," the canine mascot of the outfit. The dog has been missing several weeks. If he should return, soldiers are not certain what his punishment will be for going AWOL.

### 155th Privates Aid Jax. Fire Fighters

Pvt. 1st class James Flournoy, Ernest Webb and Barber Sayer, and Hershel Anderson, Co. B, 155th Infantry, literally had a hot time in the old town of Jacksonville, Sunday when they helped fight the dock fire.

The quartet of privates intended to view the fire as spectators. As they approached the blaze a guard said, "Okay, report for duty." Soon a second guard told them to "Come this way." After they had made their way through the fire zone they were given a hose to tend with instructions to keep it pointed at the blaze.



A corporal of Alabama's 167th Infantry relaxes in the shade of a litter bag while he allows the contents to come to him. Though slightly dampened from the overflow, he probably doesn't mind in this hot weather.

## DIXIE DIVISION SPORTS



### Gloves Awarded Winning Boxers

Twelve top-ranking amateur fighters in the 106th Quartermaster regiment were awarded gold or silver gloves Friday of last week in a special ceremony in the regiment's fire break. Actual presentation of the medals, donated by the Starke Coca-Cola Bottling Company, was made by Captain Chaplain C. O. Pate of the 106th Q. M. Six golden gloves were awarded to the respective winners up. The winners:

Heavyweights: winner, Pvt. Malcolm Lightsey, Hq. Co.; second, Pvt. G. T. Mann, Service Co.

Light Heavyweights: winner, Pvt. Harold Mullis, Co. C; second, Pvt. Pete Smith, Service Co.

Middleweight: winner, Pvt. N. T. Smith, Co. A; second, Pvt. W. B. Stallings, Co. E.

Welterweights: winner, Pvt. Stanley Kiki, Co. E; second, Pvt. Dan McLain, Co. E.

Jr. Welterweight: winner, Pvt. R. B. Newchurch, Co. B; second, Pvt. Flynn Murphy, Co. E.

Lightweight: winner, Pvt. R. E. Goff, Co. B; second, Pvt. Earl Moore, Co. C.

### Guest House Books Reservations Weeks In Advance

Relatives and friends from Florida, Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi of Dixie soldiers are keeping the 31st Division Guest House full to overflowing, with reservations booked weeks in advance. Mrs. Helene Minturn, hostess in charge of the guest house, stated this week. This department of the Service Club is responsible for brightening many a soldier's week by providing a place for visitors to stay.

The Service Club program for the coming week offers Dixie men "something to do" nearly every night, according to Mrs. C. W. Chalker, the Club's senior hostess. This afternoon there will be outdoor games and contests with prizes to the winners. Sunday is visitors day, and Monday is "write home" night and "give away night." All writing materials are furnished and a supply of attractive monogrammed stationery is now available. Tuesday night the Service Club is turned over to clubs and organizations representing in the Division.

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